

Milk Production

Milk production in Wisconsin during November 2018 totaled 2.44 billion pounds, up less than 1 percent from the previous November. The average number of milk cows during November, at 1.27 million head, was down 1,000 from last month and down 5,000 from last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,920 pounds, up 10 pounds from last November.

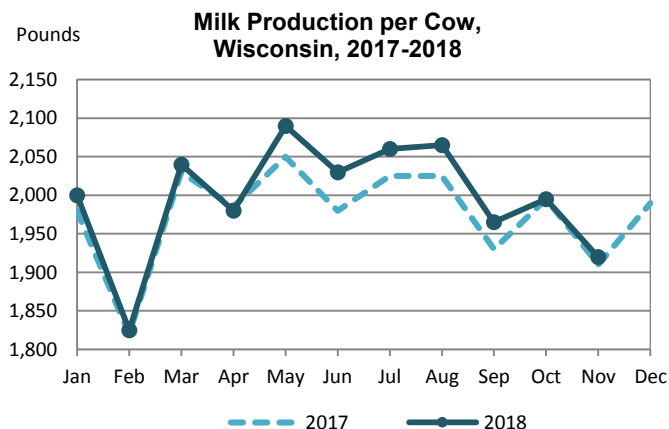
Milk production in the 23 major States during November totaled 16.4 billion pounds, up 0.8 percent from November 2017. October revised production, at 16.9 billion pounds, was up 0.9 percent from October 2017. The October revision represented a decrease of 18 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,877 pounds for November, 18 pounds above November 2017. This is the highest production per cow for the month of November since the 23 State series began in 2003. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.72 million head, 16,000 head less than November 2017, and 8,000 head less than October 2018.

Milk production in the United States during November totaled 17.4 billion pounds, up 0.6 percent from November 2017. Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,856 pounds for November, 19 pounds above November 2017. The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.36 million head, 38,000 head less than November 2017, and 8,000 head less than October 2018.

November Milk Production

State	Milk cows ¹		Rate per cow ²		Production ²		Production % change 2018/17
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	
	Thousand head	Thousand head	Pounds	Pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	
CA	1,743	1,731	1,825	1,890	3,181	3,272	+2.9
ID	600	610	1,955	2,000	1,173	1,220	+4.0
MI	428	422	2,115	2,120	905	895	-1.1
MN	456	451	1,725	1,740	787	785	-0.3
NM	330	326	1,985	1,950	655	636	-2.9
NY	625	620	1,895	1,905	1,184	1,181	-0.3
PA	525	513	1,660	1,630	872	836	-4.1
TX	515	539	1,890	1,900	973	1,024	+5.2
WI	1,277	1,272	1,910	1,920	2,439	2,442	+0.1
23-state total	8,734	8,718	1,859	1,877	16,235	16,366	+0.8

¹Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. ²Excludes milk sucked by calves.



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This Farm Reporter contains the results from the following surveys. Thanks for your help!

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Dairy Products, Production by Selected States and U. S.

Item and area	November 2017	October 2018	November 2018	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds			Percent
CHEESE				
American	413,714	438,187	422,799	+2.2
Cheddar				
California	26,672	29,413	29,485	+10.5
Idaho	40,099	38,986	36,528	-8.9
Minnesota	45,721	48,240	50,901	+11.3
Wisconsin	57,015	59,571	56,200	-1.4
United States	296,598	307,510	304,507	+2.7
Blue & Gorgonzola	7,533	7,999	7,385	-2.0
Brick & Muenster	16,066	18,079	15,860	-1.3
Cream & Neufchatel	88,400	98,983	85,821	-2.9
Feta	8,871	12,915	9,939	+12.0
Gouda	8,213	6,190	6,414	-21.9
Hispanic	24,440	29,650	26,528	+8.5
Mozzarella				
California	125,114	123,147	129,090	+3.2
Wisconsin	90,445	99,690	90,200	-0.3
United States	351,511	373,332	363,172	+3.3
Parmesan	37,886	32,779	33,259	-12.2
Provolone	32,528	34,502	32,061	-1.4
Ricotta	22,682	23,928	24,383	+7.5
Romano	4,967	3,962	4,566	-8.1
Other Italian types	7,247	6,261	6,864	-5.3
Total Italian				
California	136,884	134,036	139,873	+2.2
Wisconsin	140,662	150,347	139,393	-0.9
United States	456,821	474,764	464,305	+1.6
Swiss	26,837	27,252	28,227	+5.2
All other cheese	19,773	15,872	14,361	-27.4
Total cheese				
California	211,090	214,685	216,314	+2.5
Idaho	76,881	91,442	77,031	+0.2
New Mexico	64,483	78,860	78,479	+21.7
Wisconsin	281,195	300,223	277,656	-1.3
United States	1,070,668	1,129,891	1,081,639	+1.0

Hogs & Pigs

On December 1, 2018, there were 325,000 hogs and pigs on Wisconsin farms. The December 1 inventory was up 7 percent from last December's 305,000 head. Breeding hogs accounted for 44,000 head of the total inventory, while market hogs totaled 281,000 head.

The annual pig crop was 867,000 head, up 12 percent from last year, resulting from 83,000 sows farrowed during the December 2017-November 2018 period. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.45 for the year, up 10 percent from last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2018 was 74.6 million head. This was up 2 percent from December 1, 2017, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2018.

Breeding inventory, at 6.33 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down slightly from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 68.2 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

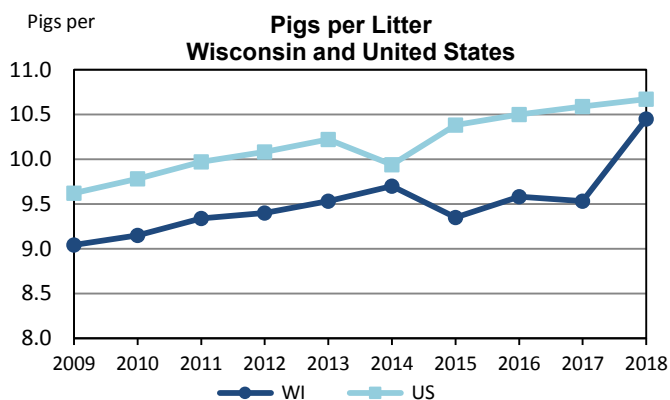
The September-November 2018 pig crop, at 34.0 million head, was up 2 percent from 2017. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.16 million head, up 2 percent from 2017. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high of 10.76 for the September-November period, compared to 10.74 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 3.11 million sows farrow during the December-February 2019 quarter, up 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2018, and up 4 percent from 2017. Intended farrowings for

March-May 2019, at 3.15 million sows, are up 2 percent from 2018, and up 4 percent from 2017.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 47 percent of the total United States hog inventory, unchanged from the previous year.

All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2017 through September 2018 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The revision made to the September 2018 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.7 percent. The net revision made to the June 2018 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.8 percent. A revision of 0.7 percent was made to the March-May 2018 pig crop. The net revision made to the March 2018 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.2 percent. A net revision of 0.7 percent was made to the December 2017-February 2018 pig crop. The net revision made to December 2017 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.3 percent. A net revision of less than 0.1 percent was made to the September-November 2017 pig crop.



Hogs and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory By Selected States and United States, December 1, 2017-2018¹

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17
	(1,000 head)		(percent)	(1,000 head)		(percent)	(1,000 head)		(percent)
Illinois	530	560	106	4,870	4,740	97	5,400	5,300	98
Iowa	1,000	1,020	102	21,800	22,280	102	22,800	23,300	102
Minnesota	570	570	100	7,930	8,330	105	8,500	8,900	105
Missouri	450	470	104	2,950	3,080	104	3,400	3,550	104
Nebraska	430	440	102	3,170	3,060	97	3,600	3,500	97
North Carolina	900	900	100	8,100	8,200	101	9,000	9,100	101
Wisconsin	45	44	98	260	281	108	305	325	107
United States	6,179	6,326	102	66,966	68,225	102	73,145	74,550	102

¹Data may not add to totals due to rounding.

Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group, Selected States, and United States, December 1, 2017-2018¹

State	Under 50 pounds		50-119 pounds		120-179 pounds		180 pounds and over	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
	(1,000 head)							
Illinois	1,550	1,480	1,480	1,500	920	910	920	850
Iowa	5,800	5,700	6,870	7,100	5,080	5,260	4,050	4,220
Minnesota	2,720	2,790	2,350	2,400	1,600	1,830	1,260	1,310
Missouri	1,450	1,550	560	550	445	510	495	470
Nebraska	1,030	1,030	840	790	640	610	660	630
North Carolina	3,190	3,190	1,790	1,780	1,570	1,600	1,550	1,630
Wisconsin	89	88	53	59	59	69	59	65
United States	21,407	21,599	18,544	18,932	13,925	14,412	13,089	13,282

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Prices Received by Farmers

The November 2018 average price received by farmers for **corn** in Wisconsin was \$3.35 per bushel. This was down \$0.03 from October but \$0.23 above the previous November.

The November **soybean** price, at \$8.28 per bushel, was down \$0.42 from October and \$1.12 below the previous November.

The November **oat** price was \$3.09 per bushel, up \$0.35 from October and \$0.10 above the November 2017 price.

All hay prices in Wisconsin averaged \$176.00 per ton in November, up \$21.00 from October and \$46.00 above November 2017. The **alfalfa hay** price averaged \$180.00 per ton in November, up \$15.00 from October and \$42.00 above the previous November. The **other hay** price averaged \$159.00 per ton in November, up \$27.00 from October and \$56.00 above the November 2017 price.

Prices Received by Farmers

WISCONSIN		November 2017	October 2018	November 2018
		<i>Dollars</i>		
Corn	bu	3.12	3.38	3.35
Hay, all baled	ton	130.00	155.00	176.00
Alfalfa	ton	138.00	165.00	180.00
Other	ton	103.00	132.00	159.00
Oats	bu	2.99	2.74	3.09
Soybeans	bu	9.40	8.70	8.28
Milk, all	cwt	19.10	17.60	16.90
UNITED STATES		November 2017	October 2018	November 2018
		<i>Dollars</i>		
Corn	bu	3.15	3.41	3.41
Hay, all baled	ton	138.00	162.00	161.00
Alfalfa	ton	150.00	178.00	175.00
Other	ton	118.00	132.00	137.00
Oats	bu	2.68	2.68	2.72
Soybeans	bu	9.22	8.58	8.37
Milk, all	cwt	18.20	17.40	17.00
Calves	cwt	177.00	174.00	169.00
Cattle, all beef	cwt	119.00	110.00	113.00
Cows ³	cwt	63.40	57.80	52.70
Steers & Heifers	cwt	121.00	112.00	115.00
Hogs, all	cwt	50.00	50.30	46.20
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	50.20	50.80	46.30
Sows	cwt	44.60	35.20	43.30
Eggs (market)	doz	1.23	0.695	0.949

³Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

November Milk Prices

The Wisconsin all milk price for November 2018 was \$16.90 per hundredweight (cwt). This was 70 cents lower than last month's price and \$2.20 lower than last November's price.

The U.S. all milk price for November was \$17.00 per cwt, 10 cents higher than Wisconsin's price but 40 cents lower than last month's U.S. price. Twenty of the 23 major milk producing states had a lower price when compared with October, while 3 states, Indiana, Ohio, and Texas, had no change in price. Iowa had the largest decline in price, down \$1.40 per cwt.

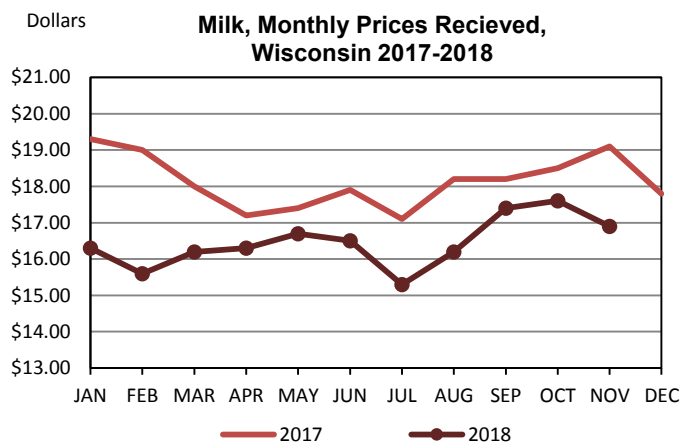
The Chicago Mercantile Exchange* (CME) 40-pound block cheese price closed at \$1.4925 per pound on January 31, while barrels were \$1.3025 per pound. The CME butter price was \$2.2900 per pound.

For the week ending January 26, 2019, the Agricultural Marketing Service* U.S. weekly 40-pound block cheese price averaged \$1.4323 per pound, and 500 pound barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.2886 per pound. The U.S. butter price was \$2.2696 per pound.

Milk Prices¹

Selected states	November 2017		October 2018		November 2018	
	Price per cwt.	Fat test	Price per cwt.	Fat test	Price per cwt.	Fat test
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Milk for all uses						
CA	16.85	3.95	16.46	3.90	16.44	3.97
ID	18.10	4.06	16.80	4.02	16.20	4.12
IA	18.80	4.04	17.90	4.06	16.50	4.06
MI	16.60	3.85	16.50	3.70	16.10	3.76
MN	18.80	4.06	17.90	4.16	16.80	4.19
NM	17.10	3.77	15.80	3.77	15.30	3.88
NY	18.30	3.95	18.10	3.89	17.80	4.01
PA	18.90	3.92	18.10	3.85	18.00	3.97
TX	19.20	4.19	17.50	4.24	17.50	4.35
WI	19.10	3.97	17.60	3.98	16.90	4.06
US	18.20	3.97	17.40	3.95	17.00	4.02

¹Before deduction for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.



USDA Reschedules Reports Affected by Lapse in Federal Funding

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The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) Agricultural Statistics Board has begun rescheduling reports that were affected by the lapse in federal funding. During the lapse, NASS was not able to collect data nor issue reports. The following reports have been rescheduled and others will be announced as soon as they are determined:

- *Crop Production Annual (Jan. 11)* will be released Feb. 8 at Noon ET
- *Grain Stocks (Jan. 11)* will be released Feb. 8 at Noon ET
- *Winter Wheat and Canola Seedings (Jan. 11)* will be released Feb. 8 at Noon ET
- *Milk Production (Jan. 23)* will be released Feb. 20 at 3 p.m. ET
- *Agricultural Prices (Jan. 31)* will be released Feb. 20 at 3 p.m. ET
- *Cattle (Jan. 31)* will be released Feb. 28 at 3 p.m. ET
- *Sheep and Goats (Jan. 31)* will be released Feb. 28 at 3 p.m. ET
- *Milk Production (Feb. 21)* will be released March 12 at 3 p.m. ET

All NASS reports will be available at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

[Note: This list has been edited to include only reports that will be published in future issues of Wisconsin Farm Reporter.]

USDA reschedules Census of Agriculture data release and multiple data collection deadlines due to lapse in federal funding

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- *2017 Census of Agriculture (Feb. 21)* will be released April 11 at Noon ET, providing that funding remains available for Fiscal Year 2019.

In order to expedite the rescheduled reports and give producers more time to complete their surveys, NASS has extended some data collection deadlines. NASS requests that anyone who received a survey, please respond as quickly as possible:

- Cattle Survey - Feb. 9 response deadline to release the biannual *Cattle* Report on Feb 28.
- Sheep and Goats Survey – Feb. 9 response deadline to release the annual *Sheep and Goats* report on Feb 28.
- Milk Production Survey – Feb. 9 response deadline to release the *Milk Production* report on Feb. 20.
- Row Crop County Agricultural Production Survey (CAPS) – Feb. 19 response deadline.
- Census of Aquaculture – March 22 response deadline.
- Irrigation and Water Management Survey – March 8 response deadline to release the *Irrigation and Water Management* report on Nov. 13.

If you have received any of these surveys and have not responded but no longer have the survey form, please call 800-727-9540 from 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. ET to receive your survey code and respond online at agcounts.usda.gov. NASS representatives may call to collect information as well. NASS surveys provide critical data to run numerous different USDA programs that benefit farmers and ranchers.



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